

Filing for Unemployment Benefits

You can file for
unemployment
insurance
either on-line
or by telephone

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Unemployment insurance (UI) is a federal/state partnership established over 60 years ago to provide economic and financial stability to workers, families, and communities.

To apply for benefits on-line, go to www.jobs.utah.gov and click on "File an unemployment insurance claim." At this Web site you can file your initial claim, your weekly continued claims, and an appeal. The Internet allows you to file quickly each week and to check the status of your claim at any time. It also provides all necessary information you need to file your claim.

You can also file by calling the UI claims center for your area. (See next column for phone numbers).

In order to collect unemployment insurance, you are required to register with your local Department of Workforce Services employment center to look for work. You must be making a good-faith effort to find work each week. You are required to make contact with at least two new employers each week you are filing a claim. You also must file a continued claim every week in order to receive unemployment insurance for that week.

Salt Lake County and South Davis
County 801 526-4400

Weber County and North Davis
County 801 612-0877

Utah County
801 375-4067

Remainder of Utah and out-of-state
888 848-0688

It is also recommended that you keep job search records, as you may be required to perform an eligibility review or audit anytime the Department requests them.

Unemployment insurance is not welfare, Social Security, disability income, or Workers Compensation. Employers contribute to the UI trust fund in order for these payments to be made—meaning, claimants do not pay anything into the UI system. Payments are based on past wages and not on individual or family economic situations.